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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Fullerton – Milo Yiannopoulos to Speak at University among Safety Concerns

(U) California State University, Fullerton is preparing for a speaking event today with controversial conservative commentator and author Milo Yiannopoulos. Fencing has gone up around the student union, where he will speak, in hopes of reducing the risk of violent clashes. More than 5,000 people signed a petition calling for administration to block the CSUF appearance, and several student groups led by Students of Quality Education (SQE) are holding a unity rally in protest. Scheduled stops at a few other campuses across the country have been canceled due to safety concerns.

SOURCE: 30 October 2017, [ABC 7](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – State Department Issues Travel Warning for Niger

(U) Washington – The US State Department yesterday urged United States citizens not to travel to Niger or surrounding area in a travel warning that cited kidnappings by extremist organizations. The travel warning cited al-Qa'ida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) affiliates in the Sahara, Libya, and West Africa, and Boko Haram. The announcement from the State Department comes weeks after four US Green Berets were killed in Niger when militants ambushed them and Nigerien troops. Various extremist groups operate throughout both the Sahel and West Africa, including multiple ISIS and al-Qa'ida affiliates.

SOURCE: 30 October 2017, [The Hill](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Forces Capture Key Militant in Benghazi Attack

(U) Washington – US officials say special operations forces have captured a key militant in the 2012 Benghazi attack on a US consulate that left four Americans dead. The commandos captured the man—identified as Mustafa al-Imam—in Libya on 29 October and are transporting him back to the US. The suspect is in the custody of the Department of Justice and is expected to arrive within the next two days. The September 2012 assault killed Ambassador Chris Stevens, US State Department computer expert Sean Smith, and CIA contractors Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods.

SOURCE: 30 October 2017, [CBS News](#)

(U) Nevada – Rancher Goes on Trial for Leading Armed Standoff

(U) Las Vegas – Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy went on trial yesterday for his role in leading an armed standoff against federal agents in 2014 that became a rallying point for militia groups challenging US government authority in the American West. Bundy, two of his sons, and a third follower are accused of conspiracy, assault, firearms offenses, and other charges in the latest of several trials stemming from the confrontation near Bunkerville. The revolt was sparked by the court-ordered roundup of Bundy's cattle by government agents over his refusal to pay fees required to graze the herd on federal land.

SOURCE: 30 October 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Police Arrest Syrian Suspected of Planning Bomb Attack

(U) Berlin – German police arrested a 19-year-old Syrian suspected of planning a bomb attack with the aim of killing as many people as possible. The man, identified as Yamen A., was arrested in the early hours in the northeastern town of Schwerin after being in contact online with extremists, according to a spokeswoman for the federal prosecutor's office. The suspect also ordered chemicals over the internet that could be used to make the explosive TATP. There were no indications that he was a member of a militant organization and it was unclear when he arrived in Germany.

SOURCE: 31 October 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico –State Police Arrest Reputed Cartel Leader

(U) Cuauhtémoc – Mexican state police arrested the reputed leader of the Cartel del Tigre and five of his men over the weekend. The man known as "El Tigre," or the tiger, was identified by authorities as Julio Cesar Escarcega Murillo, who is accused of inflicting violence in western Chihuahua, including slayings, abductions, and the burning of homes. The attorney general's office had said that Escarcega took over leadership of the Tiger Cartel following the death of Cesar "El Cabo" Raul Gamboa Sosa.

SOURCE: 30 October 2017, [El Paso Times](#)

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